

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 250

By Wilder

A RESOLUTION To commend Miss April Harriman for exemplary service as a legislative intern for Lieutenant Governor John S. Wilder.

WHEREAS, Each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Miss April Harriman is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Lieutenant Governor John S. Wilder; April's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for Lieutenant Governor Wilder, his staff, and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, A student at the University of Memphis, where she is highly regarded not only by her peers, but by the faculty and administration as well, April has achieved academic success while double majoring in Political Science and Communications and participating in numerous extracurricular activities and sporting events; and

WHEREAS, A star volleyball standout at the U of M, April has demonstrated her marked athleticism on the court and her scholastic achievements in the classroom; named as the Outstanding Student in Political Science, April has amassed an outstanding grade point average of 3.97, the highest GPA among all of the senior athletes at Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Recently honored with the M-Club's highest award, Miss Harriman was named the Elma Roane Award Winner, which is given to a female student-athlete based on a combination of academic achievement, athletic accomplishment, and community service; it is the equivalent of the Female Student-Athlete of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, She is a three-year member of the Student Athletic Advisory Committee as well as the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; and

WHEREAS, A person who deeply cares for her community and the welfare of others, April Harriman has given of her limited time and extraordinary talent to serve as a volunteer coach in the Memphis Junior Volleyball Association; she also organized an inner-city sports camp, where she rounded up athletes of various sports from the University of Memphis and provided a day camp for the inner-city children of Memphis, teaching the campers the fundamentals of the different sports. By organizing the camps and bringing in her fellow athletes, April provided a great experience for not only the children, but also for the mentors themselves, allowing the children to attend a sports camp without the usual expense, and providing quality mentors for the children, within their own back yard to hopefully inspire them as they grow; and

WHEREAS, While as an intern here in Nashville with the General Assembly, April did not drop the ball in her service to the community-at-large; she has been volunteering her time as an assistant coach with a young girls' volleyball club team; and

WHEREAS, Recognized for her outstanding achievements, both in the classroom and on the court, April has amassed a record of awards and recognitions just in the 2000-2001 school year that would normally exceed some individuals' lifetime lists of achievements. During the past year, April has been awarded three All Tournament Team honors at three different tournaments. She has one tournament MVP award for the Charleston, South Carolina tournament in which she out-played all of her competitors. She has consistently appeared on the Dean's List during her entire career at the University of Memphis, and has achieved the ranking of the Tiger Top Cat for the highest grade point average of the entire Tiger Volleyball

organization, also placing her in the Tiger Top 30, ranking her among the top 30 student athletes at U of M. She has been named to the Verizon Academic All-America District IV Team and the Verizon Academic All-America Volleyball Second Team, a national recognition placing her as the all-time third University of Memphis student-athlete to ever be named as an Academic All-American. Miss Harriman has been awarded the Coach's Award, the Captain's Award, and the Scholar Athlete of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, During the Summer of 1999, April worked as an intern in the office of Long Beach City Councilman, Jerry Shultz. Her duties consisted of handling constituent phone calls, working with various city departments to assist constituents, and she wrote a narrative speech in honor of Veterans Day that was read by Stan Chambers of KTLA News in Southern California at the Long Beach Veterans Day Parade. She also assisted Councilman Shultz's Chief of Staff by tutoring and leading discussions about staying in school and healthy living for the Junior Achievement Program; and

WHEREAS, In one of her faculty evaluations for her legislative internship with the General Assembly, April consecutively received all perfect scores, indicating above average personal characteristics, by her evaluating professors. The comments section of this portion of the evaluation speaks volumes for April and the exceptional person that she is, stating "I am not exaggerating April's intellect and personality. She is one of the best students (and nicest) that I have taught over the past twenty years." Stating that she is in the top 1% of this faculty member's students, April's strengths were recognized, "she is organized, diligent, motivated, friendly and exceptionally smart"; and

WHEREAS, April's many noteworthy achievements are a tremendous source of pride for her family: brother and sister-in-law, Michael and Celeste Harriman, of Ontario, California, and her mother and step-dad, Leana and David Marshall, of Monterey Park, California; April's father, the late Wayne Harriman, would also be very proud of his daughter's accomplishments as well; and

WHEREAS, Eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to aid in her studies, April Harriman brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2001 session of the One Hundred Second General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the 2001 legislative session, Miss Harriman has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Miss Harriman's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success. With plans to attend graduate school at Ohio State University in Athens, Ohio, April dreams of remaining involved with her sport and hopes to serve as a teaching assistant for the Ohio University volleyball team; and

WHEREAS, April Harriman has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Miss April Harriman for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Lieutenant Governor John S. Wilder and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.